

REMARKS

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to Fig. 2 as having a reference numeral 104 that is not supported in the description. The Applicant disagrees. As described in paragraph [0013] in reference to Fig. 1, the communications gateway 104 is within the category of customer premises equipment (CPE):

The CPE 101 is configured to include, e.g., a cable modem 103 and a subscriber telephone 107, or any other communication device such as a communications gateway 104 or broadband telephony interface (BTI) that allows for subscriber telephone 107 to communicate over the IP network 106.

Furthermore, the block identified by reference numerals (101 or 104) contains text description in the upper left corner stating:

“CONSUMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT (CPE) OR COMMUNICATIONS GATEWAY.”
(Emphasis added)

The Examiner has also objected to Fig. 3 for including reference to “Consumer premises equipment.” The Applicant disagrees. Paragraph [0007] provides a brief description of Fig. 2 as follows:

FIG. 2 shows one embodiment of consumer premises equipment (CPE) shown in the FIG. 1 VoIP system.
(Emphasis added)

Paragraph [0012] is also amended to clarify that the expressions “consumer premises equipment” (CPE) and “customer premises equipment” (CPE) are used interchangeably in the disclosure.

For the above identified reasons, the Applicant requests that the objections to Figs. 2 and 3 be withdrawn.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to paragraphs [0015], [0040], and [0043] for minor typographical errors. These paragraphs are amended to address these objections.

Paragraph [0003] is amended for clarity with respect to "CPE." Paragraphs [0008] and [0013] are amended to correlate with "consumer premises equipment" in FIG. 1.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112

The Examiner has rejected to claim 9 for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 9 is canceled.

Claim 10 is amended for clarity to address the Examiner's objection to the word "that".

The Examiner has rejected claim 12 for lack of antecedent basis for the element "the first VoIP CPE" in line 7. Claim 12 is amended to add proper antecedent basis. Claim 13 is similarly amended.

Claims 16-17 are canceled.

Claim 23 is newly added and is similar to allowed claim 2. Support for claim 23 is found in paragraph [0048], where it is described that voice communications of more than two CPEs can be monitored by the claimed apparatus.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a courtesy copy of the Revocation of Power of Attorney with Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73 (b) and a Change of Correspondence Address filed on March 29, 2004.

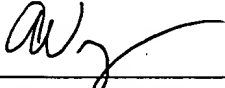
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If the Examiner believes that a telephonic or personal interview will facilitate allowance of the claims, the undersigned may be reached at (215) 568-6400.

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